

SOCCER LESSON FOR WYCOMBE!

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Wycombe 1, Kingstonian 3

THIS must surely rank as one of Wycombe Wanderers' poorest home displays of the season. They were disjointed and unbalanced against a fast and powerful Kingston side.

Kingstonian tackled hard and passed quickly in striking contrast to the slow movement and unsure tackling of the Wanderers.

Wycombe lacked fighting spirit and the usually confident home defence seemed to have lost a lot of its poise. Dave Thomas and Charlie Gale were both disappointing. Trying to cover the middle as much as possible for Dave Worley, they allowed the Kingston inside forwards wide open spaces in which to work.

BUSY BROWN

Hugh Lindsay was always a menace and Mike Clay, often acting as a double spearhead with Myers, kept goalkeeper Ken Brown constantly in action.

But the main danger came from the wings. Wingers Mike Candey and Norman Field had a hand in all three of their goals. Both fast and elusive, they were well supplied with passes and always looked dangerous.

John Beck could do little right against Field, but Lewis had a fine game keeping as close a watch as possible on Candey and also helping Gale to control Clay.

Candey was instrumental in the first two goals. After a long run down the middle of the field, without receiving a single tackle, he slid a diagonal pass to Clay, whose shot was brilliantly blocked by Brown. But the ball rebounded from the keeper's clutches and Myers hooked it home.

A few minutes later Candey popped up on the left wing and sent over a long centre to the

head of Clay, who made a simple deflection past Brown.

Kingston should have increased the lead but shots and headers whistled over the bar or past the post, and at halftime their lead was still confined to two goals.

WORSE STILL

Wycombe got steadily worse in the second half and Kingston gave them a soccer lesson. It came as no surprise when they went further ahead, unmarked Field scoring with a simple header.

A few minutes later the best chance of the match came to Wycombe when Holmes received a pass, with only the goalkeeper to beat. He tapped the ball tamely into the hands of the keeper.

Wycombe's only score came from a penalty—a somewhat harsh decision—which Bates had no difficulty in converting.

Wycombe's attack looked sadly unbalanced. Worley and Holmes, on the right, were slow in reaction, but on the other flank Horseman, who worked like an inside-forward, and Bates tried to move swiftly into an attacking position. Jimmy Hay received hardly a single good pass during the game but at least his play was positive when he did have the ball.

WYCOMBE ARE SO SLUGGISH

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OUT-OF-TOUCH Wycombe were given no chance in this Isthmian League game by a Kingstonian team that played cultured, high-speed Soccer.

Kingstonian were in no way weakened by two last-minute changes at wing-half, for their middle line overshadowed the Wycombe forwards throughout.

In contrast the home defence often panicked in the face of fierce onslaughts by the fast-moving Kingstonian front line.

Wycombe had no answer to the swift, incisive raids of wingmen Mike Candey and Field, and the snap marksmanship of Lindsay, Myers, and Clay kept goalkeeper Brown busy.

In Wycombe's attack only inside-left Bates showed anything like true form and, with little support coming from the other forwards, centre-forward Hay saw little of the ball.

Kingstonian kept up an almost constant barrage in the first half and brilliant work by Candey paved the way for goals from Myers after 12 minutes and Clay four minutes later.

Field hooked in a third 13 minutes after the restart and although Wycombe rallied strongly after Bates scored from a penalty they never looked like mustering enough energy to unsettle Kingstonian.